



*'But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God's grace.'* ~ Acts 20:24, NRSV

## Roger's Ramblings

by Rev. Dr. Roger Clayton, Jr.

One of the most important aspects of Christ's ministry and of a Christian life is that of service. Christ came to this Earth *'not to be served but to serve'* (Mark 10:45, NRSV). We see this throughout His ministry as He went from town-to-town feeding, healing, preaching, and teaching all who He came across. His service was also to be found in His obedience to His Father's will and plan, which included His death on a cross for our salvation.

In the passage from Acts, Paul details out in the surrounding passage his sacrifices that he has already made and those he will have to make in the future in service of the Gospel message. Neither Christ nor Paul speak anything but the truth about the fact that being in service is both necessary AND sacrificial for those who are believers.

In thinking about this, I wonder how disappointed both of them (as well as so many of our other Saints) are when they look down into the body of believers and find members of the church who only serve when it is convenient or when they are comfortable? Were Paul and Silas comfortable in the jail cell? Was Christ comfortable on the cross or in Gethsemane?

Our world has put too high a price on comfort and convenience. Service requires sacrifice. But as believers we believe that sacrifice is worth it because the service is for a fellow brother or sister to come to know Christ. When we focus on the reason for the service, it helps us not to begrudge the sacrifice but instead embrace it as a joy.

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## Breaker Rock Beach VBS! Join Us Today!

by Brittney Hitchcock, Director of Family Ministry



Volunteer for VBS, scan the QR code or contact Brittney at [family@stjohnsgtowntx.com](mailto:family@stjohnsgtowntx.com)



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## Testimonies of Learning with Disciple Bible Study

by Chuck Russell and Linda Lindell

I have gone through the Disciple Bible Study and would recommend it to anyone who wants to learn more about the Bible. One of the things that really impressed me about this study is the discussion. I learned so much from not only the study book, but also from the questions and comments of others. The videos helped introduce elements of the lessons that aided the class in discussion as well. This is a highly informative study of the Bible. I believe everyone can benefit from taking it.

Your sister-in-Christ,  
Linda Lindell

Like many others, I don't/won't read and study my Bible daily. I let other things crowd out that endeavor. The Disciple Bible Study provides a process, a forum, a team to be a part of. I'm a good team player. I do for a team what I will not do for myself. The rewards are many, including a better understanding of Scripture, experiencing the presence of the Holy Spirit, friendship of other students, and a renewed desire to more fully serve God. Don't forget peace and joy!!!

Chuck Russell

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## July Birthdays

- Pat Turner - 07/01
- Houston Conner - 07/02
- Briana Lindell 07/06
- Carol Pfennig - 07/06
- Graham Scogin - 07/10
- Tom Bagby - 07/12
- Steven Scott - 07/14
- Elizabeth Easter - 07/18
- Raven Garcia - 07/18
- Elena (Garcia) Ortega - 07/18
- Michael Kortschak - 07/19
- Bob Elder - 07/21
- Carolyn May - 07/22
- Susie Russell - 07/23
- Guy Foster - 07/24
- Ally Johns - 07/24
- Colten Johns - 07/24
- LouAnne Case - 07/29
- Jack Tallman - 07/29
- Alicia Clair - 07/30
- Betty Hitchcock - 07/31

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Current and past articles of *Martha's Musings* can be found on our website blog at [www.stjohnsgtowntx.com/blog](http://www.stjohnsgtowntx.com/blog).

Prayer Team meets on Monday mornings at 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM in the Horizon House, 216 E. 10th Street, Georgetown, TX 78626.

## July Anniversaries

- Tom & Nancy Bewley - 07/01
- Cody & Whitney Johns - 07/11
- Guy & Kelly Foster - 07/31



### Serve Your Church

## Volunteers Needed

Members of St. John's are expected to serve. Whether that is service to fellow members within the congregation or service to those in the community abroad; it is part of the membership vows to be in service. To see all the areas where you can serve, scan this QR code.



### July 2025 Events

Go to our app/website for all events  
**Event News**

Join us in July!

- Happy Independence Day - July 04
- Methodist Men Meeting - July 08
- Breaker Rock Beach VBS - July 14-18
- Church Directory Pictures - July 22



## St. John's Methodist Church History

St. John's has been a part of the Georgetown Community for over 140 years.

We started as a group of Swedish immigrants who joined together in their homes to study, worship and pray and built our first church building in 1882. At that time, we were known as the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Brushy Church (Svenska Metodistkyrkan at Brushy). The original church stood at the intersection of Westinghouse Road and FM 1460. Our church cemetery is still at this location.

In 1906 we moved to town, to our present home at 311 E. University Avenue, and in 1938 we changed our name to St. John's Methodist Church. In 1968, when the Methodist Church joined with the Evangelical United Brethren Church, St. John's became St. John's United Methodist Church.

In 2023, St. John's disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church, changing our name to St. John's Methodist Church and joined the Global Methodist Church.


Come join us and share in our rich history and heritage of celebrating God's love.

### July Wesley Value Meals

- July 02 - Sandwiches
- July 09 - Fajitas
- July 16 - Cajun Pasta
- July 23 - Baked Chicken
- July 30 - Hot Dog Bar

**Last Wednesday of July we will  
have a snowball fight!**

ST. JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH		
MAY 2025 DATA		
Table of income, expenses, and net total		
	Church Activity YTD	Church Annual Budget
Income	\$250,702	\$541,848
Expenses	\$230,765	\$610,183
NET	\$19,937	(\$68,335)

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